



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2003, 6:30 p.m.

City Hall – Mayor's Ceremonial Room

Members Present: Manuel Carrasco, Christina Duran, David McNiel, Randy Akes, Jr., Heather Troxel, Annette Martinez Lievanos, Steve Stearns, Wivory Brandle, Carolyn Hart, Erin House, Laura Powers, Jacob Hernandez

Members Excused: Pat Watson, Brian Pearcey, Dana Kruckenberg, Cynthia Woods

Members Unexcused: Rita Nieto, John Arroyos, Barbara Brown, Nancy Hart, Marisol Ruiz, Susie Q. Parker

Guests: Burma Lee Manns, Paul Chavez, Mary Jane Dana, Dennis Garcia, Erin Comstock, Tranda Drumwright, Chris Barajas

Staff: Eva Yakutis-McNiel, Director, Office of Neighborhoods

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Randy Akes, Jr., at 6:35 p.m. Self-introduction of members and guests followed.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of November 2, 2003 with the following corrections: "PTS" is an acronym for Parking, Traffic, and Streets. Minutes should reflect that Erin House was present.
(Stearns/C. Hart/carried)

3. Community Development Block Grant Program presentation

Staff (Tranda Drumwright, Erin Comstock, and Chris Barajas) from the Housing and Community Development Division (HCD) gave a presentation on the new CDBG community participation process for 2003/2004. They also spoke about the RNP's role in the process. The RNP was asked to review the proposals for CDBG funding before they go to the city council and also to assist in evaluating the new process. Questions and answers followed.

A request was made by Mr. Stearns that HCD staff provide the RNP with the current list of projects that are "on the books" that will be considered in this year's proposal. HCD staff will forward that to Office of Neighborhoods for distribution.

Motion made to take no action as to the request for RNP's participation in review and evaluation of the process.

(McNiel/Stearns/carried)

4. Subcommittee reports

Traffic Calming subcommittee – David McNiel reported on behalf of the subcommittee. The mission of the subcommittee was established: To provide a liaison to the Parking, Traffic, and Streets committee. A member of the subcommittee (David McNiel) and Office of Neighborhoods staff (Eva Yakutis-McNiel) will be meeting with Parking, Traffic and Streets committee to present to them an overview of the Office of Neighborhoods and RNP and to establish a connection with them and open lines of communication. All members of the subcommittee will be reviewing the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program that is implemented by the Traffic Engineering Division of Public Works.

5. Office of Neighborhoods Report

Eva Yakutis-McNiel thanked Jacob Hernandez for the wonderful tamale dinner he provided for tonight's meeting and also thanked Christina Duran for the fantastic enchilada dinner she provided the final night of the leadership academy. The success of the first Neighborhood Leadership Academy was also reported on as well as the well-attended awards ceremony in November.

6. Other Business

Carolyn Hart reported on status of her concerns about the hazardous waste letter that was received by residents near Jurupa and Van Buren. She will be making additional contacts with the city manager's office for response to questions that the neighbors have been waiting for for six weeks. In the meantime, an ad hoc committee was formed in the event it is needed. Members are: Carolyn Hart, Manuel Carrasco, Christina Duran, Randy Akes, Jr., Annette Martinez Lievanos. Carolyn will call the meeting if her attempts to meet with the city manager's office are not fruitful.

7. Future Agenda Items:

- Regreen Evergreen presentation
- Neighborhood Pride Awards subcommittee formation
- Hazardous Waste
- CDBG – Review of projects

8. Other Business/Public Comment

- Christina Duran reported on the December 13 Snow Day in Orangecrest, Pause for Peace, Cops and Clergy
- Burma Lee Manns reported on the LEAP program and the April 10, 2004, Champions for Justice
- Jacob Hernandez reported on the December 10 Park Advisory dinner at Villegas Park and the Ducks and Kings game January 7
- Carolyn Hart reported on County Lead Abatement program for apartments

9. Next Meeting: January 5, 2004, 6:30pm

10. Meeting adjourned

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